

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
August 14, 2024

Call to Order by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on August 14, 2024. Council Officials Present: Karen Wayson-Kisling, Bill Kreis, John Hinshaw via phone, Jenni Olson via phone. Absent: Travis Schlabach. Quorum declared by Rabe.

Staff and Press Present: Admin./Clerk Karla Marck; Deputy Clerk Allison Gerard; Financial Manager Ellen O'Rourke; Police Chief Ben Gray; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Attorney Gage Kensler; Library Director Jackie Jordan; Managing Editor Winona Whitaker, Hometown Media. Absent: None

Members of the Public Present: Scott Hamlin; Jim Peterson, Betsy Caldwell Meredith, Judd Lawler.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rabe.

Approval of Agenda – August 14, 2024

Motion by Kreis to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Hinshaw, Kreis, Olson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes from July 24, 2024, City Council Meeting. Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$231,994.85. Approving Liquor License for Family Dollar Stores dba Family Dollar 33124. July 2024 Revenue Totaling \$360,953.46. July 2024 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. July 2024 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Report. IPAIT Report. Motion by Kreis to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw; Olson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Open Forum. Judd Lawler introduced himself as Republican candidate for Iowa House.

Old Business

- a) **Public Hearing & Second Reading ORD #535: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 69 – Parking Regulations; Section 69.08 No Parking Zones; Adding Item #24. Lafayette Avenue on the west side from Main Street to May Street and the east side from May Street south 160'.** Public Hearing opened at 6:03 p.m. Jim Peterson commented that he was against not being able to park in front of his house. Public Hearing closed at 6:04 p.m. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: Kreis. Motion carried.
- b) **Resolution #25-09: Approving County Agreement for V66 Resurfacing – Iowa County & City of Marengo.** Motion by Kreis to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Discussion: Native Landscape Ordinances.** Discussion on whether to issue permits for native wildflower landscaping. Further discussion needed. No action taken.
- d) **Consideration: Amending City Policy 4.3 Maternity Leave and Converting to Parental Leave.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Kreis. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- e) **Consideration: Approving Uses for “Resolution #25-05: Marengo Public Library to Carry-Over Funds from One Fiscal Year to Another.** Director Jordan reported she will be using the funds to update technology and building improvements/repairs. Motion by Kreis to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

- a) **Discussion: Pending Pool Change Orders – #15R1 Sod; #17 & #20 Ceilings; #18 Conduits, Donor Wall Light**
No action taken.
- b) **Consideration: Approving Pool Signage and Additional Signage (#21) Costs.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Kreis. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Consideration: Approving Language for Pool Recognition Plaque.** Council approved the suggested language. No motion.
- d) **Resolution #25-10: Approving Pay Application #8 for 2023 Marengo Pool Project.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Kreis. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- e) **Resolution #25-11: Approving Pay Application #9 for 2023 Marengo Pool Project.** Motion by Kreis to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Hinshaw, Kreis, Olson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- f) **Resolution #25-12: Approving Change Order #1 May Street Improvements Project.** The council discussed holding the payment until all costs are in. Kreis moved to approve tabling Resolution #25-12 until the next regular meeting. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Hinshaw, Kreis, Olson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- g) **Resolution #25-13: Approving Contract for Community Development Block Grant Services.** Contracting for ECICOG services for CDBG administrative services. Motion by Kreis to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Hinshaw, Kreis, Olson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- h) **Resolution #25-14: Extending the Maturity Date of the City’s Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement Anticipation Project Note.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Kreis. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- i) **Resolution #25-08: Authorizing Submission of FY24 City Street Financial Report.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Kreis. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- j) **Resolution #25-15: Setting Public Hearing for Sale of City of Marengo Public Works Woodchipper and Fittings.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve and add sale of rock spreader and jack hammer. Second by Kreis. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-

Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- k) **Consideration: Closing of Alley and Extending Lizzie’s Liquor License into Alley from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for August 30 Back to School Celebration.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Kreis. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- l) **Consideration: Amending Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control – Dangerous Animals.** Council agreed to move forward with the amendments. No motion.
- m) **Resolution #25-16: Authorizing a Conditional Job Offer to Mason Eldridge as a Full-Time Peace Officer and Intention to Send to Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.** Motion by Kreis to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Hinshaw, Kreis, Olson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray

For July 2024, Gray reported 24 incidents, 5 arrests, 19 citations, 38 warnings, 16 parking tickets, with a total of 46 outstanding parking tickets. 299 calls for service. A total of 33 properties have had nuisance notices posted, 18 have been abated, 1 was voided by the council, action was taken by the city on 3 and 10 are active. The City has mowed 16 properties. Gray reported the installation of cameras on City properties began on July 22, 2024 and lasted three days. The 2018 Ford Explorer was sold via Purple Wave Auction for a final bid of \$6,300. Due to water and sewer work on E. May Street, the south pickup entrance of the elementary school will not be open by the start of school. There will be a detour. Gray attended Gateway Challenge Triathlon planning session.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports. Attorney Kensler reported he had a hearing last week and has been working on contracts.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports. Mayor Rabe reported a large bump in the road at Miller Street just off Western.

Adjournment

Motion by Kisling. Second by Kreis to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims -8.14.24

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	001	26,576.52
General Fund Capital Exp	002	26,011.70
C6Zero Fund	013	60.00
BAHR-Library Gifts & Memorials	033	310.85
Road Use Tax Fund	110	12,270.72
Pool Renovations/Donations	312	3,385.00
Industrial Park Development	323	293.72
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	9,200.00
Dual Main Project #2	337	5,680.00
Pool-May Street/Court Water Main	342	99,762.37
Water Fund	600	13,499.14
Water Deposit Fund	605	31.08
Sewer Fund	610	5,412.34
Storm Sewer Fund	740	571.52
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	Total:	203,064.96

Payee	Amount	Description
PAYROLL	28,716.94	8.2.24
PAYROLL		
EFT Payments		
Grinnell State Bank	72.51	July 2024 Bank Fees
Metlife	12,385.86	August 2024 Metlife Insurance

Wellmark	1,273.23	August 2024 Health Insurance
Iowa Department of Revenue	3,826.72	July 2024 Sales/Water Tax
EFT TOTAL:	17,558.32	
MRC Umpire Pay	845.00	2024 Umpire Pay-MRC
911 Custom	395.00	Carrier-PD
Aaron Cronbaugh Lawn Service	3,150.00	Mowing-Cemetery
Alliant Energy	7,859.07	Electric
Amazon Capital Services	212.95	Re-issue Ck#42811
Amazon Capital Services	109.00	Flash Drives/Rope-PD
Astra Security	26,173.15	Citywide Camera System/July&August Fees
Big G Foods	50.25	July 2024 Supplies-PD/CH
BP	1,009.20	July 2024 Fuel/Diesel-PD/FD/PW
Carquest of Marengo	119.22	July 2024 Supplies-PW
Casey's General Store	205.65	July 2024 Fuel-PD
Charles Capper Auto Center, Inc.	194.78	2023 Tahoe Oil Change/Service-PD
Cummins Sales & Service	850.74	Generator Maintenance-PW
Dakota Supply Group	9,150.00	Hydrant/Thread Kit/Couplings-PW
Dave Schmitt Construction	98,176.91	Pay Estimate 1
Dylan Rios	23.72	Water Deposit Refund
Eurofins Environment Testing	724.88	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	195.00	July 2024 Janitorial Services-CH
Hawkins, Inc.	3,020.03	Water Plant Chemicals-PW
Heartland COOP	128.00	Spray-PW
High Performance Patch	682.00	Signs-PW
Iowa County 911	10.00	PW Building 911 Sign-PW
Iowa County Sheriff	2,353.00	FY25 Radio Monitoring/Central Square Maintenance-PD
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	20.00	M.Eldridge MMPI-PD
Iowa One Call	66.60	One Calls-PW
Iowa Valley Community Schools	400.00	2025 MRC Scholarships-MRC
J.P. Cooke Company	104.95	Pet Tags-Animal Control
Jaime Kahler	7.36	Water Deposit Refund
JEO Consulting Group	3,385.00	Marengo Pool Design-Pool
Kollmorgen, Schlue, & Zahradnik, P.C.	2,335.00	July 2024 Legal
Kurka Tree Service	160.50	Limb Removal-PW
LRS Portables	720.00	July 3rd Bathrooms
Marco Technologies	900.77	Computer Maintenance/Copier Lease-PD/CH
Marengo Farm & Home, Inc.	442.08	July 2024 Supplies-PW/PD
Marengo Post Office	775.00	August 2024 Postage
Masters Telecom, LLC	9.25	Voicemail-PD
Mayberry Electric, Inc.	308.49	Defib in Park-Park
Microbac Laboratories	35.00	Drinking Water Analysis-PW
Northland Securities	550.00	2024 CD Reporting-CH
Quill	192.66	July 2024 Office & Janitorial Supplies-CH
Roggentien Electric	998.74	July 2024 Maintenance-PW
S&J Sanitation	197.50	July 2024 Dumpster/Trash
Stanard & Associates, Inc.	56.50	Selection Test-PD
Standard Pest Control	45.00	Bug Spraying-CH/PD/FD
State Hygienic Laboratory	51.50	Well #12 Testing-PW

Stratton Benscoter (Whitey's)	953.55	July 2024 Fuel/Diesel-PW/MRC/FD
Swift True Value Home Center	970.74	July 2024 Supplies-Parks/MRC/PW
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.	10,839.18	Engineering Fees
Verizon Wireless	654.99	July 2024 Desk/Cell Phones-PW/PD/CH
VISA	140.24	July 2024 Charges-2-PD/CH/PW
Windstream Iowa-Comm, Inc.	19.00	Internet/Phones
WMPF Group, LLC	678.62	July 2024 Publications
CHECK TOTAL:	181,655.77	
Access Systems Leasing	241.40	Copier
Amazon Capital Business	1,109.32	Books/Office Supplies/Coffee Bar/Building
Educational Development Corporation	310.85	Books
Marco Technologies, LLC	390.00	WIFI Troubleshooting
Quill	833.07	July 2024 Supplies
Standard Pest Control	48.15	Pest Control
Steven E Krakow-Outdoor Creations	550.00	Apple Tree Removal
Swift True Value Home Center	6.00	Glue
TK Elevator Corporation	197.82	Elevator Service
US Cellular	347.92	Hotspots
USA Communications	29.29	Phones/Fax Line
LIBRARY TOTAL:	4,063.82	
GRAND TOTAL:	231,994.85	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's **\$203,277.91**

Re-issued Check **\$185,506.64**

Adam Rabe, Mayor

Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator